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4th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 30th April 2023

The Lord is Risen. Alleluia, Alleluia!

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, at the Mass of Chrism, the priests of the Diocese renewed their priestly promises and those present in the Cathedral, representing all the faithful of the Diocese, confirmed the commitment to prayer for our priests and to work with them in the mission the Lord has given to His Church. Today – Good Shepherd Sunday, the entire Church focuses once more on prayer and reflection for priests and, specifically, for vocations to the Priesthood. Every one of us has a vocation, a calling, given to us by God so that we can take our rightful place in the life of the Church and the world, bringing the message of the Gospel to those around us in accordance with God's will for us as individuals and for all his people. This is a consequence of our Baptism – life lived in the love that exists in the Blessed Trinity. Those called to the Ordained Priesthood commit themselves to the service of Christ and His people. The priest celebrates the Sacraments with and for the whole Church, specifically for those he is sent to serve. He preaches the Word in accordance with the teachings of Christ and His Church. He is a leader in the community – a leader through service. The promises of the Priesthood – prayer, obedience, celibacy – enable him to truly give his life in service and to be a sign of the Kingdom of God for the world. I ask you also to pray that those in our Diocese whom the Lord calls will be open to listen to His call and answer with complete generosity of heart.... Bishop Richard

King Charles III's Coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 in London. During the ceremony, the King will be crowned alongside Camilla, the Queen Consort. "May God bless His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort, preserve them both in health of mind and body and grant them every grace and blessing now and for the years to come." Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Plant Sale in aid of Practical Action. Thank you for your wonderful contributions and purchases at the plant sales last weekend. Over £350 was raised, which represents great generosity and support. Let us look out for more opportunities to help reduce the disastrous effects of plastic waste in Faridpur. For more information see Recycling Plastic in Bangladesh - Practical Action. Any enquiries contact pnljandp@gmail.com

Thinking about becoming a Catholic, or maybe want to be confirmed as an adult? We run informal 'Come and see' sessions looking at different aspects of our faith. Please contact the parish office for more information

Life Ascending Parish Group: "We meet again on Wednesday 3rd May in the PNL Centre Meeting Room about 11 am after the 10 o'clock Mass and a coffee. All retired or semi-retired parishioners very welcome to come. We share a spiritual reading and finish with the Angelus & prayers for any intentions we may have. More about Life Ascending on their website www.lifeascending.org.uk"

Our SVP groups are reaching out to those in any kind of need, please call 07918980330 and they will call back.

Parents, Babies and Toddlers Group - continues on Wednesdays in the St Joseph's PNL Centre from 10.30am

The 'Saturday Group' with games & chat meets Saturdays 3pm in the Café at St Joseph's, all adults welcome

Book + Circle Our next chosen book is "Reasons to Believe: How to Understand, Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith" by Scott Hahn, 10.30am Friday 2nd June in the Meeting Room in St Joseph's parish centre. All welcome - even if you don't manage to read/finish the book.

50/50 club The winner of April's draw for £25 is no. 17

A month of prayer for Vocations Gather, pray, discern, this month of May for the mission of the Church and for the priesthood in our diocese. The word vocation comes from the Latin 'vocare' meaning 'to call'. Everyone has a vocation, our first call is to love God and to be holy, as Pope Francis says "to be saints is not a privilege for a few but a vocation for everyone". You can find out more about vocations and prayer resources on our diocesan website

Lourdes Pilgrimage Can you help? We now need lots of helpers, nurses and HCA's to apply "Being a helper is an act of service that many of us do not get to offer during our day to day lives. Further information available on the [Lourdes Pilgrimage \(abdiocese.org.uk\)](http://abdiocese.org.uk) website.

School Volunteers Required: Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower them in our Catholic schools and churches to bring alive their sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly or a workshop in a local school? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will discuss issues of global justice, Contact the CAFOD A&B office at:- St Pius X Church, Laustan Close, Merrow, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TS Tel: 01483 573273 07710 094448 Email: arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk

The Diocese is recruiting for two part time roles based at The St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley, a Safeguarding Administrator and a Senior Administrator for the diocesan Tribunal reporting to the Judicial Vicar. More details on the diocesan website

Education of future Priests: This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Our Second Collection will go towards supporting the training of Priests. Please be generous.

Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1268.51

Retiring Collection this weekend is for:

Education of future Priests

Thank you for your support.

PARISH CLERGY:

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St Joseph's Primary - 01737 765373
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St Bede's Secondary - 01737 212108
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ST JOSEPH'S 17TH REIGATE SCOUTS

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EAST SURREY HOSPITAL

The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself. If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your Hospital stay.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Steven Biczók-Hardy, David Pitt, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Jørgen Løvbakke, Chris Bayley, Zackery Tuffrey, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Rosaline Liberman, Mary Steer, Maria Mellone, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Pat Weller, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Claire Chantal, Richard & Meli Greaves, and all sick and housebound of our parish.

If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish on 01737 761017.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 2:14.36-41; Ps 22; 1Pt 2: 20-25; Jn 10:1-10

Response: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Sat 29 Apr

St Joseph's 17.30 Alan Rowles RIP

Sun 30 Apr

Holy Family 09.00 People of the parish

St Joseph's 11.00 Michael Rogers RIP

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

Mon 1 May St Joseph the Worker

St Teresa's 10.00 John Early int

Tue 2 May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

No Mass

Wed 3 May Sts Philip and James, Apostles

St Joseph's 10.00 Farrukh family int.

Thur 4 May The English Martyrs

Holy Family 10.00 Julia Owen RIP

Fri 5 May

St Joseph's 19.00 For the Coronation of King Charles III

(please note later time this Friday)

Fifth Sunday of Easter (year A)

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 32; 1Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord

As we place all our hope in you

Sat 6 May

St Joseph's 17.30 Special Intention

Sun 7 May

Holy Family 09.00 Michael Rogers RIP

St Joseph's 11.00 People of the parish

St Teresa's 17.30 Private Intention

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated by appointment
 Please contact the parish office

The Coronation of King Charles III—Saturday 6th May

As faithful citizens of our countries, we now pray for our King as he assumes the fullness of the high office of monarch. From Wednesday 3 May until Friday 5 May, the Bishops of England and Wales ask each Catholic in our lands to pray for His Majesty and the Queen. We can do this in our daily prayer asking Almighty God to guide the King in his appointed tasks. We can also pray for him when we gather for prayer at Mass. This triduum of prayer will culminate on Friday evening when we have asked each Catholic community to offer a special Mass for the King before the Coronation on Saturday. It will be the culminating moment of our three days of prayer when we ask God's continuing blessing on our new King and Queen." Cardinal Vincent Nicholls

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Kathleen Leigh RIP Her funeral will take place on Friday 12th May at 10:00am at St Joseph's followed at Bandon Hill Cemetery.

Ferenc Der RIP his funeral is yet to be arranged

Please remember them and their families in your prayers